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Stormwater Pollution

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When it rains, stormwater pollution carries dirt, oil, fertilizer, soap, pet waste, litter and other harmful items to local creeks, streams and rivers. These items can come from our streets and roads, our lawns and parking lots, even our fields. Once polluted water gets into a storm drain, it is carried directly to creeks and streams and is can have harmful effects on what lives in the stream. This polluted water then must be treated before we can drink it.

You can help prevent stormwater pollution by picking up after pets, recycling used oil and not littering. You can also sweep up excess fertilizer and wash your car on the grass so the water soaks into the ground. To learn more about how you can prevent stormwater pollution, visit your local Cooperative Extension Service office. And remember, when you pollute your water, you pollute yourself.

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